

Amendment to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

A computer program is ~~provided for developing component-based software capable of~~ for handling insurance-related tasks. ~~The program includes a data component that stores, retrieves and manipulates data utilizing a plurality of functions, . Also provided is a client component that~~ which includes: (1) an adapter component that transmits and receives data to/from the data component; ~~The client component also includes~~ (2) a business component that serves as a data cache and includes logic for manipulating the data. ~~A ; and (3) a controller component is also included which that~~ is adapted to handle events generated by a user utilizing the business component to cache data and the adapter component to ultimately persist data to a data repository. In use, the client component allows a user to define tasks during execution phase of the program that achieve ~~an insurance-related~~ a goal upon completion. ~~In addition, the~~ The user is able to input rules which dictate which tasks should be selected based on a set of predetermined events. ~~Events are then received from any source, such as a common event queue. Finally, tasks~~ Tasks are ~~selected and outputted~~ generated based on the received events.